

HOUSE RESOLUTION 342
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mrs. Wanda Bryant on the occasion
of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should pause to honor those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wanda Bryant is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryant served as a classroom teacher with the Rutherford County School System for 25 years; during her illustrious career, from 1976 to 2001, and throughout her personal life, she has positively influenced many young lives and has served the children of Rutherford County and Middle Tennessee with the greatest acumen and devotion; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tennessee State University, Wanda began her career at Central Middle School, before moving to LaVergne Primary and then to Cedar Grove; and

WHEREAS, recognized for her excellence in the classroom, Mrs. Bryant earned Teacher of the Year honors in 1997; Wanda served as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; she represents all that is good and noble in education; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Bryant is an active and important part of her community; even though she is retired, Mrs. Bryant continues her work as an ordained minister and as the Praise and Worship Leader of Faith at the Fellowship Church in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryant also continues to contribute her time and numerous talents to improving the lives of children; she is a motivational speaker and serves as Director of the Y-Cap Academy YMCA. Wanda and her husband are the co-founders of Pacesetters Youth Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Bryant exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, retirement has afforded Mrs. Bryant the luxury of spending more time with her husband, Harold, whose love and companionship she treasures; she is also the devoted mother of eight children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryant truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mrs. Wanda Bryant our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we salute her sterling career as an educator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.